

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 1 to 15 and claim 19", to --claim 1--.

Claim 26, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 23 to 25", to --claim 23--.

Claim 41, line 1, please delete "or 38".

Claim 42, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 37 to 41", to --claim 37--.

#### REMARKS

Claims 3, 5, 6-13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26, 41 and 42 are amended to delete the multiple dependency. No new matter has been entered.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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